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702-961170

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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d),  
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08/716,223,  
filed on 11/22/96, entitled METHOD FOR PREPARING A COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT FROM...

### NOTES

**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371.

A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

**C-I-P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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**35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT:** In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a).

1. ☒ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on December 17, 1998  
under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d)(4)
  - a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:  
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  - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
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				BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)	760.00
				Total of above Calculations =	760.00
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* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent.				TOTAL =	760.00
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## 6. Small entity status:

- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed, if (b) and (c) do not apply.  
 b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.  
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- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.  
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10 a. ☐ Receipt For Facsimile Transmitted CPA (PTO/SB/29A)

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11. ☒ Other: Petition for Extension of Time and requisite fee**NOTE:**

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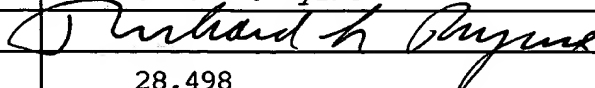
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